

## TEXAS COMPANY BOOSTS PRICE OF CRUDE

## Effort Made To Enlist Coolidge In Klan Fight

## Hypnotized Police Shoots Into Crowd Killing Three

### General Advance Made Today Of 25 Cents At Mexia, Currie And Powell

The Texas Company early this morning posted an advance of 25 cents on crude oil at Mexia, Currie and Powell, bringing the price up from \$1.00 per barrel to \$1.25, according to an announcement made by the local offices.

Other companies are expected to follow immediately with a similar advance.

Local oil men were very much gratified when they learned of the increase in price, amounting to 20 per cent.

North Texas and North Central Texas were effected by an increase of from 10 to 15 cents on the barrel.

The new postings, outside of Mexia, Currie and Powell, in the North Texas and North Central Texas districts, are as follows:

Below 33 degree gravity from...\$ .75 to \$ .90  
33 to 35.9 gravity from...\$1.00 to \$1.15  
36 to 38.9 gravity from...\$1.15 to \$1.30  
39 and above from...\$1.30 to \$1.40

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The expected advance in the price of mid-continent crude oil is regarded as the big turning point in the oil industry, which is suffering from over production, and consequent price slashing, came today. The Texas Company changed crude oil prices and gravities in the mid-continent district, resulting in advance of 10 to 15 cents per barrel. Gravities under which purchases are made in Oklahoma were changed to correspond with those in North and North Central Texas.

### SEVENTEEN BODIES RECOVERED FROM CHICAGO HOSPITAL FIRE

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Seventeen bodies have been removed and a burial is on today for others in the fire-ravaged "death house" of the Chicago State Hospital for the Insane at DuSable on the northwestern edge of the city.

Police automobiles ranged the streets for a number of insane patients who escaped in the mad confusion following the outbreak of the fire in the main frame building just after 6 o'clock tonight.

The bodies recovered were:

John C. Carter, 52, an attendant.

Mrs. Mary Carver, 50, wife of a patient.

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Herman Hacker, an epileptic, gave the alarm of fire. He had finished his dinner earlier than the rest and had gone to his room when he noticed smoke coming from a closet. He threw open the door and a huge flame shot out. Hacker ran through the building yelling fire. A mad stampede followed.

From the 600 patients in the dining room rose a terrifying chorus of howls and shrieks. They ran about like maddened animals. Some leaped out of the windows, taking glass and shattering them. Most of the others made a rush for one narrow exit, ignoring several other avenues of escape. Here the pile of humanity kicked and shoved and screamed, the weaker going down under the superior strength of their fellows.

Still others ran aimlessly about the hall.

By this time the flames had bitten into the flimsy walls and were rapidly eating their way into the huge room.

Smoke billowed into the room.

Into this inferno plunged three women attendants—Mrs. Anna Habens, Mrs. Margaret Gunn and Mrs. Hannah Saunders. They were on duty in a nearby pavilion when the fire siren wailed its warning.

None of the three remembered clearly what followed. All they recall is a nightmare of fighting madmen, of suffocating, acrid smoke, leaping flames, the noise of which cut with the sound of ripping cloth through howls of the men. By super-human efforts they restored a semblance of order and formed what was left of the patients into line and marched them out into the night. Once outside, one of the patients made a break for liberty. Male attendants and residents of the vicinity, aided by a few policemen, gave chase through the mud and rain. Some of the patients were captured after a struggle. Others

gave up on being cornered.

In the meantime fire alarms had been sent to Chicago proper and nearby villages. Scores of pieces of fire apparatus clanged to the scene. Some of the machines sank to their axles in the yielding mire, and firemen and residents literally pulled and shoved them to the fire.

Riot calls were sent in and scores of policemen arrived. Chief of Police Collins of Chicago took personal charge of the men. Flivver squads joined in the hunt for the fugitives. Other police were put on guard at the scene of other buildings of the institution to prevent a panic among the 1,000 other patients.

The men who died were found in bedrooms on the second floor, where it was believed they ran to save little trinkets presented them on Christmas.

The Carrakers were saved to have returned to their rooms to save some valuables when they were trapped.

Some of the saddened patients locked themselves in a lavatory of the building structures. Three policemen tried to induce them to open the door and on their refusal searched the door with axes. A struggle followed,

but the officers finally subdued the men and carried them to safety.

The flames shot many feet into the air and within an hour after the alarm was given the building was gutted.

TO MAKE CONCERT DEBUT AT 80



Mrs. H. C. Wright

The ambition of a lifetime will soon be realized by Mrs. Henry Clay Wright, of Austin, Tex., 80 years old, mother of four children and grandmother of seven. Left an orphan at two, she was adopted, but never had an opportunity to study music. Now, at 80, she is to make her debut on the concert stage in New York City.

### State Highways Under Control Of State On January First 1924

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 27.—State highways will be maintained by the state highway department after January 1, as contemplated in the new motor tax law passed by the legislature, announced Captain J. D. Fauntleroy, state highway engineer, who declared that a report had gained currency that the state highway department "was not positive that it could maintain the roads which will be taken over on the first of January and that the department was begging counties to carry on this maintenance."

"The state highway department will maintain the state highways after January first in serviceable condition," said Captain Fauntleroy.

"We invited the responsibility; we realize the gravity of the situation and we expect to succeed. Every effort is being made to whip our organization into shape at the earliest possible moment and no bets are being overlooked. The policy of the highway commission is to proceed cautiously, but surely; profit by past experience of other states and make as few mistakes as possible."

"In keeping with this policy," continued Captain Fauntleroy, "the commission earnestly solicits the cooperation of the counties and their maintenance organizations while the state system is being inaugurated, and the state organization is being perfected. A survey of the state shows that a great majority of the counties are anxious to co-operate with the department in the maintenance of their roads on reasonable terms. There will no doubt be some instances where satisfactory arrangements and terms cannot be made, however, in such cases the department will have no time in taking over the actual physical maintenance of the roads in such counties. The maintenance of all state highways will be done under the direction of state engineers."

"The authority was granted, and the funds were made available January 1, 1924, for the highway department to take over the maintenance of approximately 18,000 miles of road, and any reasonable fair-minded citizen realizes that it will take time and hard work to perfect an organization capable of handling this task. All we want is the sympathy and co-operation of the people, a reasonable length of time, and we will succeed."

Five separate investigations are under way, State, county and city authorities, the fire marshal and police are trying to place the responsibility.

In the last ten years a dozen fires have visited the asylum. None of them was serious and no loss of life was incurred.

The destroyed wing received the name of the "death house" several years ago because of its flimsy construction.

#### CHRISTMAS PRESENT

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. McCaughy, living at 208 South Red River street, received a beautiful Christmas present in the shape of a fine girl baby that arrived at their home on December 25th. Mother and child are doing nicely.

DALLAS.—Contract let for erection of sewage disposal plant.

### 15 Year Old Former Klan Slayer Is Freed

HOUSTON, Texas, Dec. 27.—Leo Georgia, 15, today was at liberty without bond after preliminary hearing on charges of having shot to death Tom Mayo, 19.

Leo testified that the quarrel that led to the shooting started over who should carry some fire wood into the house. Mayo ordered his sister to carry the wood, he said, and when she refused he menaced her with an ax. Leo said he shot in defense of his sister.

### AIRPLANES HUNT IN VAIN FOR DIRIGIBLE

By WEBB MILLER

(United Press Staff Correspondent)

PARIS, Dec. 27.—The North African sky has released the imprisoned Dixmude and its crew of fifty and the giant naval dirigible has plunged into the desert, the Ministry of Marine believed today.

Airplanes which searched in vain over hundreds of square miles in Algeria and Tunis extended their hunt today to the Libyan wastes and to Cyrenaica.

The Ministry of Marine was convinced that the airship no longer is held aloft by balloons, nor is it believed possible that the Dixmude fell into the Mediterranean.

Cruisers continued to scour the coast of Tunis, however, while cavalry and camel corps pushed into the desert at dawn for another day of roving search for the missing air liner.

At noon today it was officially announced that the last wireless message received from the Dixmude was picked up at Bizerte at 8 p. m. Friday. It gave the ship's position as half way between Biskra and Touggourt.

The Dixmude's commander reported he was proceeding towards Algiers at seventy kilometers an hour and asked what the weather conditions were.

The station at Bizerte flashed back a warning of westerly gales, but no further word came from the dirigible, leading to belief she may have met with an accident at that moment.

Reports of light seen in the Tunis sky of recent nights are discredited now by the Naval Ministry.

Eight airplanes on Wednesday covered the territory around Biskra where the last authentic reports of the Dixmude were received and today the search was extended farther to the south. The Ministry of Marine announced that the dirigible last was sighted over Ouled Jellal, 45 miles southwest of Biskra at twilight on Dec. 20. At that time the ship was headed eastward and a violent westward storm was blowing up.

AUSTIN.—Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad to extend lines into Plains section of West Texas.

SAN ANTONIO.—\$1,000,000 Scotch Rite Cathedral under course of construction.

WACO.—\$200,000 addition to be added to sewerage disposal plant.

MALONE.—\$40,000 bond issue voted for new waterworks system.

CLARKSVILLE.—Red River county farmers are approximately \$1,500,000 richer as results of advances in cotton price.

HOUSTON.—\$17,000 storm sewer to be installed under Vaughn Drive.

DALLAS.—Net profit of \$76,249.85 was made by the 1923 State Fair of Texas.

### Former Klan Head Gives Out Open Letter

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—An effort to enlist President Coolidge in the factional strife within the Ku Klux Klan was made today when representatives of Edward Young Clarke, former Klan head, made public an open letter calling on the president to take the lead in an effort to stamp out the Klan.

Clarke predicts a serious warfare between the Klan factions unless pre-conditions are removed. He charges the Klan is responsible for the reign of lawlessness in Texas and other states.

### 90 Year Old Man Killed In Battle Over Moonshine

BETHEL, Okla., Dec. 27.—John Kilgore, 90 years old, is dead, and Newton Romine, his son-in-law who is out on a parole for the murder of Steve Echison, eight years ago, is at the point of death as the result of a pistol battle between the two at the Romine home six miles north of here.

The fight was brought on over an argument about the division of "moonshine" whiskey. Kilgore died almost instantly and physicians do not think Romine will recover.

### N.C.A.A. Coaches Consider Rules And Regulations

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 27.—A two day convention of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, which will be followed by a session of the American Football Coaches Association, opened here today. The coaches will consider rules and regulations for the coming year in all branches of sport.

The case of Charles Paddock will be considered. Paddock has been blacklisted by the A. A. U. from the American Olympic team and the N. C. A. A. has named him as one of its participants. The wrangle over the Pacific coast sprinter has been going on for months, and the collegiate coaches intend to settle it definitely at the session here.

At the Rotary luncheon Thursday, President Albert Berry read greetings from Ben Stollenwerk and Hardy Edwards from Dallas who stated they attended Dallas Rotary Wednesday.

LUBBOCK.—\$500,000 bond issue voted for civic improvements.

DALLAS.—Construction of new street car line to Oak Cliff district to start after first of year.

President Storey of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway declares that 1924 will be as good for his railroad as the present year has been.

AMARILLO.—6,000 acres of cotton to be planted throughout district in 1924.

DALLAS.—Excavation for underground track to new Santa Fe terminal buildings under way.

GARRISON.—Rapid progress is made at local oil test.

CARTHAGE.—Will get natural gas from Panola gas field.

### Mesmerist And Policeman are Both Under Arrest

VIENNA, Dec. 27.—Hypnotized by Professor Maximilian Langsner, noted mesmerist during a theatrical performance a policeman of Sebenico started shooting into the crowd, killing three and wounding several and hustled others away to the police station. There he came out of the trance and was arrested on a charge of murder. The hypnotist was also arrested.

### PRINCE REGENT OF JAPAN IS MENACED BY ASSASSIN

By CLARENCE DUBOSE

(United Press Staff Correspondent)

TOKIO, Dec. 27.—An attempt to assassinate the Prince Regent of Japan failed today.

Prince Hirohito, popular young Japanese ruler, who is soon to wed, was fired upon but escaped injury.

Another report of the attempted assassination, reaching London, said a Tokyo youth, 20 years of age, fired with a cane gun as Hirohito drove past on his way to Parliament. The windows of the Prince Regent's automobile were shattered, but Hirohito was not injured.

### Metal Membership Cards Attractive

Much attention is being attracted to the metallic signs sent out by the Chamber of Commerce to all members. The signs are about 4 inches by 6 inches in dimensions, with gold letters on a black background and of permanent quality. The wording on the signs standing out prominently, say: "Member Mexia Chamber of Commerce, Mexia, Texas."

"Notice to Solicitors."

"We as members of Mexia Chamber of Commerce have entered into a mutual agreement not to subscribe to any fund that has failed to merit the endorsement of the Chamber's solicitation committee."

Membership good for 1924."

### LIONS CLUB MEETS EVERY FRIDAY

The Lions club will hold its usual weekly luncheon Friday at noon. The attendance of the club within the past few weeks has been very gratifying, says President J. K. Hughes, who also expresses gratitude for that fact. A full attendance is urged throughout the future meetings of the club, as it is the hope of the body to do much effective work in helping to build a bigger and better Mexia.

"Pat" Patterson, wife and daughter, Miss Carolyn, accompanied by Mrs. Patterson's aunt, Mrs. W. R. Masterson of Dallas spent Christmas day at Jewett, returning Wednesday. They went overland and according to Mr. Patterson the distance was covered with much difficulty. He states that the reason they did not turn back after leaving Teague was because he could not find a place in which to turn around.

COMMERCE.—Contract let for construction of educational building at East Texas State Teachers' College.

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## OUR DIRTY STREETS

This paper is first of all for Mexia—may she always be right—but right or wrong we are for Mexia. Also we feel that without criticism no man and no town can mount the heights of success or high calling. But there is criticism that is right and some that might be wrong. We are here speaking of constructive criticism. So let us look about and see if we deserve criticism when it falls on us. Criticism is also likened unto the obstacles that are thrown into water that makes a smooth placed stream a raging torrent—this develops power and proves useful to man and machinery. So it is that on Christmas day a remark was overheard made by town citizens from a much larger town than Mexia. They were standing on one of our downtown corners watching the Christmas crowds and had just remarked on the spirit in our city that had built new and prosperous looking business establishments and also the foresight and sagacity that paved the streets mentioning also that for a town the size of Mexia that the financial burden had been no small affair. But they by that time came a gust of wind that caused them to draw back and wipe the dust from their eyes. They both remarked that some one was deriding in duty or else the town had not kept up its forward march for the streets should be cleared and dust should not be allowed to accumulate in such amounts. They also noticed heavy trash and refuse lying about and commented on this. We relate this as an actual experience and while we feel that the city authorities are doing all possible in giving us cleaner streets, yet there should be some way in which the matter could be handled so as to give us clean streets at once. Possibly we can find the answer from our hygienists. If so let us be told. Something should be done for a lot of cities are now passing thru our home town. Let us try and send them away without dust in their eyes.

## FIGHTS AND FIGHTERS

**NEW YORK**—Gus Tunney, light-heavyweight champion and Remco Scilla, European heavyweight champion, have been matched by Tex Rickard to meet in Madison Square Garden on February 1. Tunney will fight at 155 pounds and his title will not be at stake.

**NEW YORK**—William Muldon has caused his men about retiring from the New York boxing commission, according to his friends and will accept a recommendation from Governor Smith on Jan. 1, if it is offered him.

**NEW YORK**—Tex Rickard would not comment upon reports from London that he was arranging a bout between Georges Carpentier and Tommy Gibbons to be fought there this winter.

**NEW YORK**—Tex Rickard and a candidate of wealthy New York sports are behind a movement to have the New Jersey legislature legalize boxing, it is reported here. The plan is to build tracks at Jersey City and Atlantic City and in the mutual system of betting and to have the "percentage" to charity.

**NEW YORK**—Business offices of the New York Yankees are preparing to send out new contract to the members of the world champion team. Of all the regular players only Babe Ruth is under contract and he is "radio" type" has three years to run.

Hears that Tommy Conners, one of the stars of the capital out of the state, out of active use, and that the state is non-existent for human purposes. To tax capital destructively and restrictively is to destroy the engine of human industry and put our country on a kind of milk diet.

Recent report shows savings in banks and trust companies in United States have increased by more than 100 million dollars in the last decade, and instead of saving, as counts by about 111 per cent.

**VERNON**—Contract awarded to pave 3.61 miles of Colorado-Gulf Highway

## CENTRAL TEXAS PRESS

By N. P. HOUS



Charles E. Baughman of Brownwood, commissioner of warehouses and markets, has announced as a candidate for governor. The number of candidates is now near the twenty mark.

We would walk seven blocks to get one whiff of a real, genuine, name-blown-in-the-bottle mince pie.—Waco Times-Herald.

What's the matter with running?

Leaders of federal forces in Mexico declare with much sincerity they are winning against the rebels and the rebels come back with the assurance that they have the federals on the run. While there may be more or less doubt as to which army is winning, there is no uncertainty about the losers—the people of Mexico.—Denison Herald.

After all, this seems to be a contest between typewriters and typewriters.

A professor in Prague has discovered that solenostip marlothemia will cure arterio-sclerosis. The glad news will take some time to percolate, however, on account of what the proof-readers will do to it.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

This proofreader ain't going to do nothing to it. Just let her go as it is, and if you don't know what it means you are no worse off than we are.

Henry Ford has announced that Coolidge is good enough for him, but will not prevent the democrats from swatting the republicans when the general election comes around. Henry may be able to furnish the running gear for the people in private and public life but his lizzies will not put the republicans back in power this next good year of 1921.

Soldier bonus, tax reduction, tariff, the booze question, farm problems, etc., have President Coolidge "up in the air," and he hardly knows where to light when he comes down.—Kosce Cyclone.

He might try lighting in Salt River. That stream is wide and deep and many there he who land there every election year.

The Christmas holidays produced the usual killings and accidents. Strange that people will persist in taking their lives into their own hands whenever a holiday rolls round.

## Hen-ology.

A hen can sit still and produce dividends, but people who sit still do nothing more than wear out their pants. Luckily for the hen, she doesn't wear pants.—Honey Grove Signal.

Luckily the hen isn't bothered with pants, or swathed in skirts. The one would interfere with her sitting, or is it sitting? and the other would embarrass her a little in scratching. Clack, clack, clack-clack, says the pecked hen with ruffled back, she tells the world both far and nigh, she's added an egg to the food supply. She has an idea her duty to chirp, so she preens her feathers and goes to work for while her eggs show. Being giving, she has to scratch to make her living.—Sam Miller in Minnesota Wells Index.

## BEATH FOR COUNTERFEITERS

**MOSCOW** (United Press)—Recent eight persons, convicted of counterfeiting Soviet money and foreign currency, were executed here. At Odessa, fifteen members of the State police were put on trial recently charged with stealing stores from the American Relief Administration.

## SAFETY DAY IN N. Y. STATE

**ALBANY, N. Y.** (United Press)—Governor Smith has on, aside Wednesday, Jan. 10, as "Industrial Safety Day" in New York state. The effort being made is to reduce the 1,300 industrial fatalities and 300,000 individual accidents that occur in New York state annually.

**CARTHAGE**—Colonization plan under way in Panola county where 7,000 acres will be cut into small farms.

## CITIZENSHIP

Thought for the Day

By A. Garland Adair

### SERVICE

(From an Address by the late Warren G. Harding.)

"Performance is the greatest accomplishment in the world and Americans should understand that Service has the greatest results and the greatest rewards."

"Our country is a wonderful land, with its unlimited possibilities, its diversified industries, and there is for each of us more to do than simply continue to live; we must study and work not for ourselves alone but for others as well, having in mind the progress of our country, prosperity and happiness of all mankind."

"Service to self and country is doing something to elevate our fellows and make the world better for the part we have performed. We cannot place all men on the same dead level. No two men are exactly alike and each must do his life work in his own way, shaping his hopes and aspirations according to the Nature with which the Creator has endowed him, and my firm belief is that there should be, and I hope will be, more religious devotion."

## The Greatness of Little Things

By A. Garland Adair

### CHILD POWER

Dr. Mantom M. Carrick, State Health Officer of the State of Texas, gives expression to the following thoughts:

"We are shocked when we read accounts, or hear returned missionaries relate how the mothers of India throw their babies into the Ganges to propitiate the Gods, and of the Chinese who toss their infant girl babies into the wells. Herod's Slaughter of the Innocents is forever remembered as a blot upon the ages. Yet are we not guilty of quite as great a crime if we permit our babies to be sacrificed to the Grim Reaper Death for lack of proper care?"

"We determine the quality of our crops by their care and irrigation; we make war against the boll weevil and all other enemies to plant life; we spend money without stint on saving the lives of our hogs and our cattle, yet is it not strange that meantime we permit a veritable Slaughter of our Innocent?"

Sweeter and more precious than our fragrant jasmine or magnolia are the lives of our little ones whom we neglect sometimes for minor considerations.

The real wealth of America lies in her little children, the future citizens of our great country, and just as we watch and nurture our plant and animal life, just as we strive to conserve our natural resources, so must our children be cared for and our boy power and girl power conserved, else they will become a liability rather than an asset to our state and our nation.

## THE WEATHER

East Texas.—Tonight and Friday unsettled and probably rain in extreme east. Cooler in north and west tonight; cooler Friday.

West Texas.—Tonight partly cloudy and colder. Friday probably rain and colder except in Panhandle.

R. A. Butler is in Groesbeck today.

## HOME DRESSMAKING

BY FRANKIE BOLAND  
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Afternoon Dress in Crepe Faille.



Gracefully and Generally Becoming.

When Fashion sets out to achieve a frock that is generally becoming, she can be depended upon to create a model that will be adored as well. This cocoa brown crepe faille leaves nothing to be desired.

A plain skirt gathered to a long-waisted blouse is always a type of frock that becomes the great majority of women. To retain the stylish simplicity of the model and yet give it decorative touches that are the last word from Paris, Fashion adds a plaited frill of chiffon in self-color for the neck, with sleeve trimmings to match. For the skirt, little scrolls

are formed of crepe-covered cord. This design calls for 4 yards of crepe 36 inches wide, with 1 1/4 yards of ordinary white cord.

To cover the cord, take folds of the crepe, cut twice as wide as they are to be when finished. Cut on the bias so as to make the scrolls easier to manage. Sew the edges of the crepe folds together (Fig. 1). Then run the cord through the fold and shirr, as shown in Fig. 11. If cord is not handy, then several strands of knitting wool may be substituted, as in Fig. 111. After the shirring has been added to the casing, tack the ends together, then twist the corded bands into fanciful figures, as shown in Fig. 1V. Place one row of the trimming at the bottom of the skirt, then at frequent

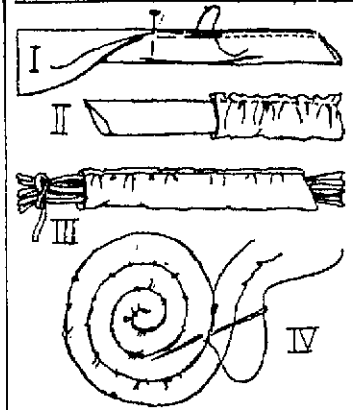


Fig. I—Sewing Bands for Corded Trimming.

Fig. II—Cord Drawn Through Casing.

Fig. III—Casing Filled with Strands of Wool.

Fig. IV—Casing Twisted into Fancy Forms.

Intervals mount the figures on the cords in the form of the letter "S." The idea as shown in the illustration is so exceedingly simple that any one can follow it. A trimming of this kind is ideal for crepe, satin or silk and gives a handsome effect without adding greatly to the cost of the dress.

## Motors Deadly But Safer To Ride Than Walk

**CHICAGO, Dec. 27.**—With nearly 700 automobile fatalities recorded in Cook County since Jan. 1, a report issued by the county coroner shows it is three times safer to ride in automobiles than to walk.

Motor vehicles in Cook County have killed 599 pedestrians since Dec. 1, 1922. During the same period forty-eight drivers and 148 passengers in autos met death through automobile accidents, seventeen persons working on automobiles were fatally injured and twenty-two passengers in other vehicles were killed.

Forty persons were killed in street car and auto collisions, twice as many as were killed riding in machines, struck by trains. The total number of fatalities was 740, as compared to 736 last year.

The report shows 363 "jay-walkers" were killed in accidents in the middle of the block and 304 pedestrians were killed at crossings.

Pleasure cars killed 458 persons. Collisions between automobiles caused thirteen deaths, nine bicyclists were killed and three motorcycle riders were fatally injured.

Fifteen accidents occurred when women were driving, sixty-three drivers were never identified, four drunken drivers figured in deaths, and out

of the drivers held to a coroner's inquest 126 were held criminally responsible.

Of the total killed, 228 were children, 175 women and girls were victims, and the remainder men and boys.

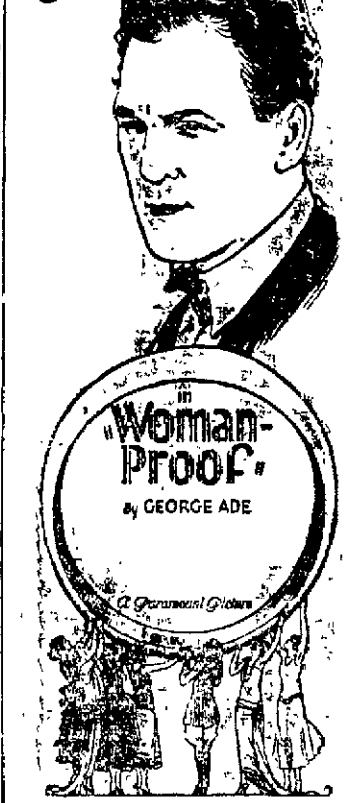
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**AUSTIN**—Travis county to plant approximately 2,400 acres to spinach.

**BEAUMONT**—Atlantic Refining Company to construct pipe line across roads of Jefferson county.

**NATIONAL**  
Thursday - Friday  
Saturday

**THOMAS MEIGHAN**



—Hats off again to the star and author of "Back Home and Broke."  
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## CHARMING DINNER

Mrs. M. J. Pilcher was hostess at a very charming dinner at her home on East Hunt street on Christmas evening at seven o'clock. This lovely home was unusually attractive in its gray holiday decorations. The living room was artistically decorated with evergreens, the color scheme throughout being green and white; while the dining room readied with the warm glow of beautiful red tones.

A tiny Christmas tree, casting its reflections in a brass mirror, was used as a center table decoration and from this red streamers were carried to a tiny red candle and Christmas bell which were by the attractive hand painted place cards which designated the place of each guest. A delicious six course dinner was served after

which music was enjoyed until a late hour. The guest included Miss Jones and Mr. C. F. Wolff of Dallas, Miss Louise Pilcher and Mr. A. F. Morris, Miss Ine James and Mr. Everett Jackson, Miss Ann Pilcher and Mr. A. W. Waddill, Mr. J. R. Truett, Mason J. Pilcher, Jr. and Mrs. M. J. Pilcher.

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**CORSICANA**—Pipe line estimates of Corsicana oil field production in past seven months between 27,000,000 and 28,000,000 barrels.

**CROSS PLAINS**—Gray Oil Company strikes oil at 2,484 ft. depth in old Gray field.

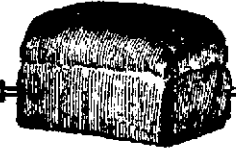
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# The Year in International Sport

HENRY L. FARRELL  
Press Sports Editor

YORK, Dec. 26.—Figuring broad and general viewpoint, the most noticeable achievement of the world during the year 1923 was the arrival of the United States, one of the most powerful nations in the world, in the Davis Cup matches because her best players could not arrange their business affairs so that they would be able to compete.

The terrible earthquake catastrophe no doubt, will prove such a staggering blow to Japanese athletes that it will be years before the nation will be able to get back into its former place.

Finland jumped into prominence several times with the aid of that great runner, Paavo Nurmi, who threatens to be a big point winner at the Olympic games next summer in Paris.

Sweden, also, while not participating much in international competition, came along greatly in track and field athletics and, beyond doubt, will be a most formidable factor in the Olympic.

America produced a swimmer in crossing the English Channel, a polo team that ranked in the world.

Progress was made by Americans in the development to indicate that at not very distant the world will be dominated by North America.

Tepped back alone out of and had to be content the momentary glory of old's featherweight champion Crigoli, who lost the next fight.

It would seem, must be the possession of Milleden, world's woman tennis, and from all indications is seriously threatened American miss—Helen

did not do enough to merit that she had come three years of the most experience, but the pure joy in that they win back their open golf and the Diamond Sculls.

rowing class came back because Walter Hoover, the broke an ear in the final

ish polo team was defeated American team of Army of Walker cap team was

ated by the American team's tennis team lost the first for the Wimbledon international.

the Wimbledon champion in stayed away from England in Billy Johnson, the Californian, won the title and the Davis cup team didn't get any the international tennis

though it caused a laugh elsewhere found some joy in the International Boxing in had a truck meeting and that boxing Spain, and was the European heavy.

hampion of Russia now about it, but and English merely sighed.

# BATTING IN NATIONAL LEAGUE

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—For the fourth successive season, Rogers Hornsby, the star second baseman of the St. Louis Cardinals, led the National League in batting, according to the 1923 averages which were released today from the league office here.

Hornsby tied the record established by Hans Wagner, the former Pittsburgh Pirate star, who led the league in batting in 1906, 1907, 1908 and 1909.

With an average of .384 this year, Hornsby established a four year mark of .389, while Wagner's average the same period was .346.

It was rather unusual that Hornsby did not lead in the number of hits, the total bases, number of runs scored or any side-line of batting, but it was due largely to the fact that he played in only 107 games.

Jim Bottomley, the good first baseman of the St. Louis Cardinals, was second behind Hornsby with an average of .371; Eddie Roush, the Cincinnati outfielder, was third with .351, and Jacques Fournier, the Brooklyn veteran first baseman, was fourth by only a trifle with .351; Frank Frisch, the flashy Giant second baseman, was fifth with .348.

Some of the features of the batting season showed that:

Forty-seven batters hit .300 or more. Ross Young, Giant, led in run scoring with 121;

Frank Frisch, Giants, led in number of hits with 223;

Tierney, Phils, led in hitting doubles with 36;

Traynor, Pirates, led in hitting triples with 19;

Cy Williams, Phils, led in home runs with 41;

McInnis, Boston, led in sacrifice hits with 37;

Max Carey, Pirates, led in stolen bases with 51;

The Giants led the league in team batting with an average of .2953; the Pirates were second with .2945; the Cubs third with .238 and the Cards fourth with .286;

The Giants led in run scoring with 864, and in number of hits with 1,610.

The Cards led in doubles with 274; the Pirates in triples with 111; the Phils in homers with 112; the Reds in

sacrifices with 186, and the Cubs in base-stealing with 181.

## REVERSE SAFETY RULES

An exchange gives the following excellent suggestions for getting into trouble:

1. Don't be afraid to take a chance. Try anything once. If you get killed, the wife can wash for a living. Besides, she can say that you were a brave man.

2. Don't waste any time with a safety man or his warnings. He's crazy.

3. When you get something in your eye, don't go to a doctor. Get your buddy to use his dirty handkerchief. Don't let him wash his hands—the more dirt the better.

4. Be as careless as you can. That's your business. Don't worry about getting killed, for you have to die once anyway.

Engineers estimate that the complete electrification of the railroads of the United States would save more than 100,000,000 tons of coal a year. This is an example of how the use of electrical energy could conserve the nation's natural resources.

HOUSTON.—\$750,000 bond election to be held for construction of roads, highway bridges and culverts.

Harlee Morrison of Terrell was in the city Wednesday.

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**HAMILTON**  
Mrs. J. B. Hamilton, the mother of Mrs. W. H. Hart of this city, died of heart trouble at her home in Kemp, Texas, Thursday, December 20th. She was buried the following Sunday at Lone Oak, Texas.  
The News joins the many friends of the bereaved in expressing sympathy.

Miss Almada King of Waxahachie was a visitor to the city Wednesday.

W. E. Tread of Tyler was in Mexia Wednesday.

E. H. Bobo of Ranger was a visitor to the city Wednesday.

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G. A. Grams of Marlin was a visitor to the city Wednesday.

John R. Hughes of Hillsboro was a Wednesday visitor to the city.

Fred Garder of Marlin was in Mexia Wednesday.

Loyle Daniels of Coolidge was in the city Wednesday.

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**Notice of Dividend Payment**

On January 1, 1924, the fourteenth regular quarterly dividend of \$1.75 a share on the 7% Cumulative Preferred Stock of this Company will be paid to stockholders of record at the close of business on December 20, 1923.

This dividend will be paid to more than 13,000 stockholders, of whom 11,000 are residents of the territory served by this Company.

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**A REAL FARM HARNESS AUCTION SALE**

Will sell at Public Auction at 1:30 at MEXIA — FRIDAY — JAN. 4th

Tag lot of material consisting of Harness, Saddles, Bridles, Rugs, Brushes, Whips, Collars, Halters, Hal- leads, Trailer Chains and all parts of harness, Army S. S. Rain Coats, Suckers, Horse Covers, Horse Blankets and all horse equipment used by the War Department.

The material is government material which assures it is of the best grade. Here is a chance to buy what you want at your own price. We have the goods and will sell them to the highest bidder. Be at the sale on time and name your price. The goods are of the best and the price is large.

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## SALESMANSHIP CLUB HAS LONG LIST OF MEMBERS IN MEXIA

The Salesmanship club is an organization among the business men of this city to promote a spirit of congeniality among the citizens; to keep the standards in the Industrial and Commercial world on a high plain; and to aid other organizations in the development and beautification of the city. Its main purpose is the bringing of men together and thereby to create a spirit of understanding among them.

A list of the officers, members of the board of Directors, and members follows:

Lee P. Pierson, president  
Porter Bob Forrest, first vice pres.  
Tom Nolan, second vice president.  
R. A. (Dick) Wagner, secretary and treasurer.

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A. N. Haws.  
O. F. Watkins.  
George B. Willets.  
A. Garland Adair.

Members:  
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G. P. Arrington  
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W. S. Banks.  
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M. D. Cox  
J. R. Copeland  
J. P. Dineen  
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S. H. Fike  
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Alvin Gillespie  
J. E. Hinta  
C. H. Hicken  
Val Horn  
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F. Hale  
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Joe Harrison  
Phil Kerner  
I. W. Keve  
W. J. Keeling  
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V. B. Landrum  
C. L. Lewis  
Roy Leamon  
De Witt Lamb  
J. W. Land  
H. B. Little  
H. B. McClung  
John McElroy  
Dr. C. F. McKenzie  
W. F. McKenney  
F. P. Meisel  
R. D. Morgan  
T. H. Meisel  
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Jesse McLendon

T. F. Morrow  
W. W. Mason  
O. Y. Manning  
Tom F. Nolan  
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W. Duke Pittman  
Jim Prickett  
Tom Prickett  
Johnnie Prickett  
D. Prickett  
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Z. Rochelle  
G. T. Reaves  
C. F. Reaves  
S. J. Stuart  
C. O. Sergeant  
E. L. Smith  
E. M. Strange  
W. M. Schmidt  
Ben F. Stollenweck  
Guy Smith  
J. R. Truett  
C. L. Tatum  
R. A. Wagner  
Howard Wright  
George Willets  
O. F. Watkins  
Marvin Webb  
G. A. Walters  
Cecil G. White  
F. W. Welch

### "Printers Devil" Realizes Dream Of His Youth

HOUSTON, Texas, Dec. 27.—The dream of a humble "printers devil" was realized in the opening of the magnificent new home of the Second National Bank here.

Samuel Cain Carter, founder of the bank, began work as a printer's boy in a little country newspaper plant in Sherman, Texas, "way back in 1870. He later moved to Galveston and tried his work as a type setter on the Galveston News, entered the business field with a commission firm.

Six months later he bought a shingle mill at Beaumont and prospering bought several other mills a short time afterwards. Later he sold out and coming to Houston in 1907 founded the Lumberman's National Bank. The bank grew rapidly and several days ago, now called the Second National, it was moved into spacious new quarters in a downtown skyscraper and the "printer's boy's" dream was complete.

A. J. Buchanan, former editor of the Bryan Eagle, accompanied by his good wife, passed through Mexia Wednesday enroute home from Teague where they spent Christmas day with their daughter.

John R. Corley, Sr., had business in Fort Worth Wednesday.

## Want Baptist Church 'Snow Birds' Dream Shipped to Capital

COLLEGE STATION, Texas, Dec. 27.—A Baptist Church at A. & M. College here large enough to provide for the religious activities of 450 students who are affiliated with the church, is advocated by Dr. W. B. Bizzell, president of the Institution.

The Methodist Church already has provided for its student members, building a huge tabernacle for their activities.

In a recent address before the Baptist Executive Committee at Dallas, President Bizzell plead that the Baptist take up the project and rush it thru.

### "STARTED SOMETHING"

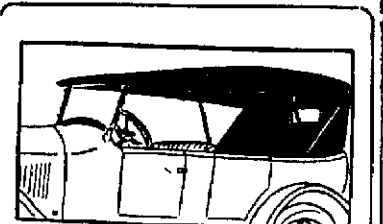
HOUSTON, Texas, Dec. 27.—When T. L. Ray placed a can of hot ashes on his back porch here he started something.

First the porch caught fire. Then a ladder truck, rushing to the fire, went into a ditch and broke a wheel.

The loss all the way round was small.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde McDonald, of San Antonio, are spending the holidays with Mrs. McDonald's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Bounds, of Tehuacana.

Dan Dove, of Tehuacana, was in the city on business Wednesday.



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EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 27.—A wholesale shipment of rose tinted dreams recently moved out of El Paso on the way to Washington.

Federal narcotic officers recently forwarded to Washington all the narcotics seized in this district in which the cases had been disposed in court.

The shipments containing many pounds of drugs, would have furnished an almost endless succession of dreams and illusions to addicts officers said.

## CORSICANA BOY DIES WHEN HIT BY TRAIN

CORSICANA, Texas, Dec. 28.—Gillette, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Roe, was killed here Monday when struck by a passenger train while walking, with four companions, across a trestle at the northern limits of Corsicana. The other four boys jumped to safety. The engineer said he did not see the lads in time to stop the train. The surviving boys declared the train was almost upon them before they noticed its approach.

C. M. Church spent Christmas with his family in Fort Worth, returning Tuesday night.

Henry Unfried, of Tehuacana, was a visitor to Mexia Wednesday.

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## TEXAS COMPANY BOOSTS PRICE OF CRUDE

## Effort Made To Enlist Coolidge In Klan Fight

## Hypnotized Police Shoots Into Crowd Killing Three

### General Advance Made Today Of 25 Cents At Mexia, Currie And Powell

The Texas Company early this morning posted an advance of 25 cents on crude oil at Mexia, Currie and Powell, bringing the price up from \$1.00 per barrel to \$1.25, according to an announcement made by the local offices.

Other companies are expected to follow immediately with a similar advance.

Local oil men were very much gratified when they learned of the increase in price, amounting to 20 per cent.

North Texas and North Central Texas were effected by an increase of from 10 to 15 cents on the barrel.

The new postings, outside of Mexia, Currie and Powell, in the North Texas and North Central Texas districts, are as follows:

Below 33 degree gravity from... \$ .75 to \$ .90  
33 to 35.9 gravity from..... \$1.00 to \$1.15  
36 to 38.9 gravity from..... \$1.15 to \$1.30  
39 and above from..... \$1.30 to \$1.40

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The expected advance in the price of mid-continent crude oil is regarded as the big turning point in the oil industry, which is suffering from over production, and consequent price slashing, came today. The Texas Company changed crude oil prices and gravities in the mid-continent district, resulting in advance of 10 to 15 cents per barrel. Gravities under which purchases are made in Oklahoma were changed to correspond with those in North and North Central Texas.

### SEVENTEEN BODIES RECOVERED FROM CHICAGO HOSPITAL FIRE

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Seventeen charred bodies have been removed and a hunt is on today for others in the fire razed "death house" of the Chicago State Hospital for the Insane at Dunning on the northwestern edge of Chicago.

Police in automobiles ranged the country for a number of insane patients who escaped in the mad confusion following outbreak of the fire in the flimsy frame building just after dinner last night.

The known dead were:  
Elijah Carraker, 52, an attendant.  
Mrs. Mary Carraker, 50, wife of Elijah.  
Lowell, 11-year-old son of the Carrakers.

Michael Ledwith, 43, a patient of Chicago.  
John Bennett, 38, patient, Chicago.  
Officials said they would not be able to make up the complete list of dead until the escaped patients are found.

Many of the bodies were burned beyond hope of recognition.

The list of men not accounted for, including the twelve unidentified victims, follows:

Thomas J. Donohue, 53.  
Otto Wolff, 45.  
Thomas Hall.  
We'ak Swickoz, 41.  
Gustav Burghardt, 57.  
George Hewlett, 60.  
Joseph Farley, 22.  
James R. McEllett, 66.  
Adolph Keller, 84.  
Henry Scheffler, 52.  
John Sullivan, 63.  
Michael Tracy, 72.  
Thomas Higin, 71.  
Charles Allen, 59.  
John O'Donnell, 28.  
David Ward, 31.

Practically all the victims were insane. The others were epileptics. Dr. Daniel G. Coffey, superintendent of the institution said.

TO MAKE CONCERT DEBUT AT 80



The ambition of a lifetime will soon be realized by Mrs. Henry Clay Wright, of Austin, Tex., 80 years old, mother of four children and grandmother of seven. Left an orphan at two, she was adopted, but never had an opportunity to study music. Now, at 80, she is to make her debut on the concert stage in New York City.

### State Highways Under Control Of State On January First 1924

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 27.—State highway engineers earnestly solicit the co-operation of the counties and their maintenance organizations while the state highway department after January 1, as contemplated in the new motor tax law passed by the last legislature, announced Captain J. D. Fauntleroy, state highway engineer, who declared that a report had gained currency that the state highway department "was not positive that it could maintain the roads which will be taken over on the first of January and that the department was begging counties to carry on this maintenance."

"The state highway department will maintain the state highways after January first in serviceable condition," said Captain Fauntleroy.

"We invited the responsibility; we realize the gravity of the situation and we expect to succeed. Every effort is being made to whip our organization into shape at the earliest possible moment and no bets are being overlooked. The policy of the highway commission is to proceed cautiously, but surely; profit by past experiences of other states and make as few mistakes as possible."

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### 15 Year Old Slayer Is Freed

HOUSTON, Texas, Dec. 27.—Leo Georgia, 15, today was at liberty without bond after preliminary hearing on charges of having shot to death Tom Mayo, 19.

Leo testified that the quarrel that led to the shooting started over who should carry some fire wood into the house. Mayo ordered his sister to carry the wood, he said, and when she refused he menaced her with an ax. Leo said he shot in defense of his sister.

### AIRPLANES HUNT IN VAIN FOR DIRIGIBLE

By WEBB MILLER (United Press Staff Correspondent)  
PARIS, Dec. 27.—The North African sky has released the imprisoned Dixmude and its crew of fifty and the giant naval dirigible has plunged into the desert. The Ministry of Marine believed today.

Airplanes which searched in vain over hundreds of square miles in Algeria and Tunis extended their hunt today to the Libyan wastes and to Cyrenaica.

The Ministry of Marine was convinced that the airship no longer is held aloft by storms, nor is it believed possible that the Dixmude fell into the Mediterranean.

Cruisers continued to scour the coast of Tunis, however, while cavalry and camel corps pushed into the desert at dawn for another day of roving search for the missing air liner.

At noon today it was officially announced that the last wireless message received from the Dixmude was picked up at Bizerte at 8 p. m. Friday. It gave the ship's position as half way between Biskra and Touggourt.

The Dixmude's commander reported he was proceeding towards Algiers at seventy kilometers an hour and asked what the weather conditions were.

The station at Bizerte flashed back a warning of westerly gales, but no further word came from the dirigible, leading to belief she may have met with an accident at that moment.

Reports of light seen in the Tunis sky of recent nights are discredited now by the Naval Ministry.

Eight airplanes on Wednesday covered the territory around Biskra where the last authentic reports of the Dixmude were received and today the search was extended farther to the south. The Ministry of Marine announced that the dirigible last was sighted over Ouled Jellal, 45 miles southwest of Biskra at twilight on Dec. 20. At that time the ship was headed eastward and a violent westward storm was blowing up.

AUSTIN.—Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad to extend lines into Plains section of West Texas.

SAN ANTONIO.—\$1,600,000 Scottish Rite Cathedral under course of construction.

WACO.—\$200,000 addition to be added to sewerage disposal plant.

MALONE.—\$40,000 bond issue voted for new waterworks system.

CLARKSVILLE.—Red River county farmers are approximately \$1,500,000 richer as results of advance in cotton price.

HOUSTON.—\$17,000 storm sewer to be installed under Waugh Drive.

DALLAS.—Net profit of \$70,249.85 was made by the 1923 State Fair of Texas.

### Former Klan Head Gives Out Open Letter

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—An effort to enlist President Coolidge in the factional strife within the Ku Klux Klan was made today when representatives of Edward Young Clarke, former Klan head, made public an open letter calling on the president to take the lead in an effort to stamp out the Klan.

Clarke predicts a serious warfare between the Klan factions unless present conditions are removed. He charges the Klan is responsible for the reign of lawlessness in Texas and other states.

### 90 Year Old Man Killed In Battle Over Moonshine

BETHEL, Okla., Dec. 27.—John Kilgore, 90 years old, is dead, and Newton Romine, his son-in-law who is out on a parole for the murder of Steve Echison, eight years ago, is at the point of death as the result of a pistol battle between the two at the Romine home six miles north of here. The fight was brought on over an argument about the division of "moonshine" whiskey. Kilgore died almost instantly and physicians do not think Romine will recover.

### N.C.A.A. Coaches Consider Rules And Regulations

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 27.—A two day convention of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, which will be followed by a session of the American Football Coaches Association, opened here today. The coaches will consider rules and regulations for the coming year in all branches of sport.

The case of Charles Paddock will be considered. Paddock has been blacklisted by the A. A. U. from the American Olympic team and the N. C. A. A. has named him as one of its participants. The wrangle over the Pacific coast sprinter has been going on for months, and the collegiate coaches intend to settle it definitely at the session here.

At the Rotary luncheon Thursday, President Albert Berry read greetings from Ben Stollenwerck and Hardy Eubanks from Dallas who stated that they attended Dallas Rotary Wednesday.

LUBBOCK.—\$500,000 bond issue voted for civic improvements.

DALLAS.—Construction of new street car line to Oak Cliff district to start after first of year.

President Storey of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway declares that 1924 will be as good for his railroad as the present year has been.

AMARILLO.—6,000 acres of cotton to be planted throughout district in 1924.

DALLAS.—Excavation for underground track to new Santa Fe terminal buildings under way.

GARRISON.—Rapid progress is made at local oil test.

CARTHAGE.—Will get natural gas from Panola gas field.

### Mesmerist And Policeman are Both Under Arrest

VIENNA, Dec. 27.—Hypnotized by Professor Maximilian Langsner, noted mesmerist during a theatrical performance a policeman of Sebenico started shooting into the crowd, killing three and wounding several and hustled others away to the police station. There he came out of the trance and was arrested on a charge of murder. The hypnotist was also arrested.

### PRINCE REGENT OF JAPAN IS MENACED BY ASSASSIN

By CLARENCE DUBOSE (United Press Staff Correspondent)  
TOKIO, Dec. 27.—An attempt to assassinate the Prince Regent of Japan failed today.

Prince Hirohito, popular young Japanese ruler, who is soon to wed, was fired upon but escaped injury.

Another report of the attempted assassination, reaching London, said a Tokyo youth, 20 years of age, fired with a cane gun as Hirohito drove past on his way to Parliament. The windows of the Prince Regent's automobile were shattered, but Hirohito was not injured.

### Metal Membership Cards Attractive

Much attention is being attracted to the metallic signs sent out by the Chamber of Commerce to all members.

The signs are about 4 inches by 6 inches in dimensions, with gold letters on a black background and of permanent quality. The wording on the signs standing out prominently, say: "Member Mexia Chamber of Commerce, Mexia, Texas."

"Notice to Solicitors."  
"We as members of Mexia Chamber of Commerce have entered into a mutual agreement not to subscribe to any fund that has failed to merit the endorsement of the Chamber's solicitation committee."

Membership good for 1924."

### LIONS CLUB MEETS EVERY FRIDAY

The Lions club will hold its usual weekly luncheon Friday at noon. The attendance of the club within the past few weeks has been very gratifying, says President J. K. Hughes, who also expresses gratitude for that fact. A full attendance is urged throughout the future meetings of the club, as it is the hope of the body to do much effective work in helping to build a bigger and better Mexia.

"Pat" Patterson, wife and daughter, Miss Carolyn, accompanied by Mrs. Patterson's aunt, Mrs. W. R. Masterson of Dallas spent Christmas day at Jewett, returning Wednesday. They went overland and according to Mr. Patterson the distance was covered with much difficulty. He states that the reason they did not turn back after leaving Teague was because he could not find a place in which to turn around.

COMMERCE.—Contract let for construction of educational building at East Texas State Teachers' College.



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OUR DIRTY STREETS

This paper is first of all for Mexia—may she always be right—but right or wrong we are for Mexia. Also we feel that without criticism no man and no town can mount the heights of success or high calling. But there is criticism that is right and some that might be wrong. We are here speaking of constructive criticism. So let us look about and see if we deserve criticism when it falls on us. Criticism is also likened unto the obstacles that are thrown into water that makes a smooth placid stream a raging torrent—this develops power—and proves useful to man and machinery. So it is that on Christmas day a remark was overheard made by two citizens from a much larger town than Mexia. They were standing on one of our down-town corners watching the Christmas crowds and had just remarked on the spirit in our city that had built new and prosperous looking business establishments and also the fore-sight and sagacity that paved the streets—mentioning also that for a town the size of Mexia that the financial burden had been no small affair. But then by that time came a gust of wind that caused them to draw back and wipe the dust from their eyes. They both remarked that some one was derelict in duty or else the town had not kept up its forward march for the streets should be cleaned and dust should not be allowed to accumulate in such amounts. They also noticed heavy trash and refuse lying about and commented on this. We relate this as an actual experience and while we feel that the city authorities are doing all possible in giving us cleaner streets, yet there should be some way in which the matter should be handled so as to give us clean streets at once. Possibly we can flush the streets from our hydrants. If so let it be tried. Something should be done for a lot of visitors are now passing thru our home town. Let us try and send them away without dust in their eyes.

FIGHTS AND FIGHTERS

NEW YORK.—Gene Tunney, light-heavyweight champion and Erminio Spalla, European heavyweight champion, have been matched by Tex Rickard to meet in Madison Square Garden on February 1. Tunney will fight at 155 pounds and his title will not be at stake.

NEW YORK.—William Muldoon has changed his mind about retiring from the New York Boxing Commission, according to his friends and will accept a reappointment from Governor Smith on Jan. 1, if it is offered him.

NEW YORK.—Tex Rickard would not comment upon reports from London that he was arranging a bout between Georges Carpentier and Tommy Gibbons to be contested there this winter.

NEW YORK.—Tex Rickard and a syndicate of wealthy New York sports men are behind a movement to have the New Jersey Legislature legalize racing, it is reported here. The plans are to build tracks at Jersey City and Atlantic City, establish the mutual system of betting and devote the "percentage" to charity.

NEW YORK.—Business offices of the New York Yankees are preparing to send out new contracts to the members of the world champion team. Of all the regular players only Babe Ruth is under contract and his \$52,000 "paper" has three years to run.

Heavy taxation by Congress on the states only drives capital out of existence, out of active use, (and when let used it is non-existent for all human purposes). To tax capital destructively and restrictively is to destroy the cream of human industry and put our country on a skimmed milk diet.

Recent report shows savings in banks and trust companies in United States have increased by approximately 106 per cent during past decade, and number of savings accounts by about 141 per cent.

VERNON.—Contract awarded to pave 3.61 miles of Colorado-to-Gulf Highway.

CENTRAL TEXAS PRESS  
By N. P. Houx



Charles E. Baughman of Brownwood, commissioner of warehouses and markets, has announced as a candidate for governor. The number of candidates is now near the twenty mark.

We would walk seven blocks to get one whiff of a real, genuine, name-blown-in-the-bottle mince pie.—Waco Times-Herald.

What's the matter with running?

Leaders of federal forces in Mexico declare with much sincerity they are winning against the rebels and the rebels come back with the assurance that they have the federals on the run. While there may be more or less doubt as to which army is winning, there is no uncertainty about the losers—the people of Mexico.—Denison Herald.

After all, this seems to be a contest between typewriters and typewriters.

A professor in Prague has discovered that solerosus marlothema will cure arteriosclerosis. The glad news will take some time to percolate, however, an account of what the professors will do to it.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

This proofreader ain't going to do nothing to it. Just let her go as it is, and if you don't know what it means you are no worse off than we are.

Henry Ford has announced that Coolidge is good enough for him, but that will not prevent the democrats from swatting the republicans when the general election comes around. Henry may be able to furnish the running gear for the people in private and public life but his lizzies will not put the republicans back in power this next good year of 1924.

Soldier bonus, tax reduction, tariff, the booze question, farm problems, etc., have President Coolidge "up in the air," and he hardly knows where to light when he comes down.—Kosse Cyclone.

He might try lighting in Salt River. That stream is wide and deep and many there be who land there every election year.

The Christmas holidays produced the usual killings and accidents. Strange that people will persist in taking their lives into their own hands whenever a holiday rolls round.

Hen-ology.

A hen can sit still and produce dividends, but people who sit still do nothing more than wear out their pants. Luckily for the hen, she doesn't wear pants.—Honey Grove Signal.

Luckily the hen isn't pestered with pants or swathed in skirts. The one would interfere with her sitting, or is it setting? and the other would embarrass her no little in scratching. Clack, clack, clackey-clack, says the speckled hen with ruffled back, she tells the world both far and nigh, she's added an egg to the food supply. She has no idea her duty to shirk, so she preens her feathers and goes to work for while her eggs shes freely giving, she has to scratch to make her living.—Sam Miller in Mineral Wells Index.

BEATH FOR COUNTERFEITERS

MOSCOW (United Press).—Recent eight persons, convicted of counterfeiting Soviet money and foreign currency, were executed here. At Odessa, fifteen members of the State terror police were put on trail recently charged with stealing stores from the American Relief Administration.

SAFETY DAY IN N. Y. STATE

ALBANY, N. Y. (United Press).—Governor Smith has set aside Wednesday, Jan. 16, as "Industrial Safety Day" in New York state. The effort being made is to reduce the 1,300 industrial fatalities and 339,000 industrial accidents that occur in New York state annually.

CARTHAGE.—Colonization plan under way in Panola county where 7,000 acres will be cut into small farms.

CITIZENSHIP  
Thought for the Day

By A. Garland Adair  
SERVICE

(From an Address by the late Warren G. Harding.)

"Performance is the greatest accomplishment in the world and Americans should understand that Service has the greatest results and the greatest rewards."

"Our country is a wonderful land, with its unlimited possibilities, its diversified industries, and there is for each of us more to do than simply continue to live; we must study and work not for ourselves alone but for others as well, having in mind the progress of our country, prosperity and happiness of all mankind."

"Service to self and country is doing something to elevate our fellows and make the world better for the part we have performed. We cannot place all men on the same dead level. No two men are exactly alike and each must do his life work in his own way, shaping his hopes and aspirations according to the Nature with which the Creator has endowed him, and my firm belief is that there should be, and I hope will be, more religious devotion."

The Greatness  
of Little Things

By A. Garland Adair

CHILD POWER

Dr. Mantom M. Carrick, State Health Officer of the State of Texas, gives expression to the following thoughts:

"We are shocked when we read accounts, or hear returned missionaries relate how the mothers of India throw their babies into the Ganges to propitiate the Gods, and of the Chinese who toss their infant girl babies into the wells. Herod's Slaughter of the Innocents is forever remembered as a blot upon the ages. Yet are we not guilty of quite as great a crime if we permit our babies to be sacrificed to the Grim Reaper Death for lack of proper care?"

"We determine the quality of our crops by their care and irrigation; we make war against the boll weevil and all other enemies to plant life; we spend money without stint on saving the lives of our hogs and our cattle, yet is it not strange that meantime we permit a veritable Slaughter of our Innocent?"

Sweeter and more precious than our fragrant jasmine or magnolia are the lives of our little ones whom we neglect sometimes for minor considerations.

The real wealth of America lies in her little children, the future citizens of our great country, and just as we watch and nurture our plant and animal life, just as we strive to conserve our natural resources, so must our children be cared for and our boy power and girl power conserved, else they will become a liability rather than an asset to our state and our nation.

THE WEATHER

East Texas.—Tonight and Friday unsettled and probably rain in extreme east. Cooler in north and west tonight" cooler Friday.

West Texas.—Tonight partly cloudy and colder. Friday probably rain and colder except in Panhandle.

B. A. Butler is in Groesbeck today.

## Gifts For New Year Jewelry

Did you fail to remember some friend or relative Christmas?

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## HOME DRESSMAKING

By JEANNE BOLAND  
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Afternoon Dress in Crepe Faille.

are formed of crepe-covered cord. This design calls for 4 yards of crepe 38 inches wide, with 1 1/4 yards of ordinary white cord.

To cover the cord, take folds of the crepe, cut twice as wide as they are to be when finished. Cut on the bias so as to make the scrolls easier to manage. Sew the edges of the crepe folds together (Fig. I). Then run the cord through the fold and shift, as shown in Fig. II. If cord is not handy, then several strands of knitting wool may be substituted, as in Fig. III. After the filling has been added to the casing, tack the ends together, then twist the corded bands into fanciful figures, as shown in Fig. IV. Place one row of the trimming at the bottom of the skirt, then at frequent

**Fig. I—Sewing Bands for Corded Trimming.**

**Fig. II—Cord Drawn Through Casing.**

**Fig. III—Casing Filled with Strands of Wool.**

**Fig. IV—Casing Twisted into Fancy Forms.**

**Gracefully and Generally Becoming.**

When Fashion sets out to achieve a frock that is generally becoming, she can be depended upon to create a model that will be adored as well. This cocoa brown crepe faille leaves nothing to be desired.

A plain skirt gathered to a long-waisted blouse is always a type of frock that becomes the great majority of women. To retain the stylish simplicity of the model and yet give it decorative touches that are the last word from Paris, Fashion adds a plaited frill of chiffon in self-color for the neck, with sleeve trimmings to match. For the skirt, little scrolls

Motors Deadly  
But Safer To  
Ride Than Walk

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—With nearly 700 automobile fatalities recorded in Cook County since Jan. 1, a report issued by the county coroner shows it is three times safer to ride in automobiles than to walk.

Motor vehicles in Cook County have killed 539 depestrains since Dec. 1, 1922. During the same period forty-eight drivers and 148 passengers in autos met death through automobile accidents, seventeen persons working on automobiles were fatally injured and twenty-two passengers in other vehicles were killed.

Forty persons were killed in street car and auto collisions, twice as many as were killed riding in machines, struck by trains. The total number of fatalities was 740, as compared to 735 last year.

The report shows 383 "jay-walkers" were killed in accidents in the middle of the block and 304 pedestrians were killed at crossings.

Pleasure cars killed 458 persons. Collisions between automobiles caused thirteen deaths, nine bicyclists were killed and three motorcycle riders were fatally injured.

Fifteen accidents occurred when women were driving, sixty-three drivers were never identified, four drunken drivers figured in deaths, and out

of the drivers held to a coroner's inquest 126 were held criminally responsible.

Of the total killed, 228 were children, 175 women and girls were victims, and the remainder men and boys.

Any one wishing a calendar that owns a car and has not received a card we will be glad to give you one if you will call at our No. 1 Station and fill out one of the cards. Mexia Battery and Tire Co., Inc. 18-10

AUSTIN.—Travis county to plant approximately 2,400 acres to spinach.

BEAUMONT.—Atlantic Refining Company to construct pipe line across roads of Jefferson county.

## NATIONAL

Thursday - Friday  
Saturday

# THOMAS MEIGHAN

in  
**Woman-Proof**  
by GEORGE ADE

—Hats off again to the star and author of "Back Home and Broke."

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"The Musical Brackers"

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## CHARMING DINNER

Mrs. M. J. Pilcher was hostess at a very charming dinner at her home on East Hunt street on Christmas evening at seven o'clock. This lovely home was unusually attractive in its gay holiday decorations. The living room was artistically decorated with evergreens, the color scheme throughout being green and white; while the dining room radiated with the warm glow of beautiful red tones.

A tiny Christmas tree, casting its reflections in a brass mirror, was used as a center table decoration and from this red streamers were carried to a tiny red candle and Christmas bell which were by the attractive hand painted place cards which designated the place of each guest. A delicious six course dinner was served after which music was enjoyed until a late hour. The guest included Miss Jones and Mr. C. F. Wolff of Dallas, Miss Louise Pilcher and Mr. A. F. Morris, Miss Irie James and Mr. Everett Jackson, Miss Ann Pilcher and Mr. A. W. Waddill, Mr. J. R. Truett, Mason J. Pilcher, Jr. and Mrs. M. J. Pilcher.

We charge 25c for delivering gasoline any place in the city limits; 50c mile thereafter. Applies to everyone. Mexia Battery & Tire Co., Inc. 18-10

CORSICANA.—Pipe line estimates of Corsicana oil field production in past seven months between 27,000, 000 and 23,000,000 barrels.

CROSS PLAINS.—Gray Oil Company strikes oil at 2,484 ft. depth in old Gray field.

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### The Year in International Sport

HENRY L. FARRELL  
Press Sports Editor

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Figuring road and general viewpoint, the most noticeable achievement of the world during the year 1923, aside momentarily the pace set in the United States, one outstanding feature of the year was the arrival of South America as a formidable bidder for international competition. Argentina had a half-share in spectacle and the biggest year when her champion, El Firpo, came within the inch of knocking out Jack and winning the heavy-championship of the world. El Firpo been added to the year's most prominent South American jumped Luis Vincentini, the light-champion of Chili, who seemed headed "some place" in America produced a swimmer in crossing the English Channel, a polo team that ranked progress was made by Americans in the developments to indicate that at not very distant the world will be dominated by North America.

Pepped back almost out of and had to be content the momentary glory of world's featherweight champion Criqui, who lost the next fight.

It would seem, must be the possession of Mlle. Anglen, world's woman tennis, and from all indications is seriously threatened by American miss—Helen

did not do enough to statement that she had come three years of the most experiences, but the found some joy in that they win back their open golf up and the Diamond Sculls.

The rowing classic came back because Walter Hoover, the broke an oar in the final

ish polo team was defeated American team of Army of Walker cup team was eated by the American team; n's tennis team lost the first for the Wightman interna; the Wimbledon champion stayed away from Eng- in Billy Johnson, the Callar, won the title; and the avis cup team didn't get any the international tennis

though it caused a laugh else- ally found some joy in the en the International Boxing en had a trick meeting and d that Erminio Spalla, an was the European heavy- champion.

d raised a row about it, but and England merely sighed.

France look at Carpentier and Nilles, and England cast a horrified glance at Joe Beckett, and admitted that most anyone could be the champion.

Japan did not figure with the promi- nence in the Davis Cup matches be- cause her best players could not ar- range their business affairs so that they would be able to compete.

The terrible earthquake catastrophe no doubt, will prove such a staggering blow to Japanese athletes that it will be years before the nation will be able to get back into its former place.

Finland jumped into prominence several times with the aid of that great runner, Paavo Nurmi, who threatens to be a big point winner at the Olympic games next summer in Paris.

Sweden, also, while not participat- ing much in international competition, came along greatly in track and field athletics and, beyond doubt, will be a most formidable factor in the Olympic.

### Java Jag Becomes Popular Thrill For Jaded Nerve

Mexia has become a city of coffee addicts.

This is the startling disclosure of grocers and restaurateurs. The former say everybody is buying the narcotic bean and the latter say every- body is drinking the black elixir that is brewed from it.

Since Volstead decided on an eleventh commandment restaurant keepers here say the consumption of coffee has increased 40 per cent and is still climbing.

The man who drank from three to four cups of coffee per meal at home is now carrying his home habits into the restaurants and hotel dining rooms the waiters say.

The pathologist and symptomat- ologist in their unlagging search for the reason and cause have concluded that the coffee cravers are divided in- to three classes.

First are those who always have drank it, now do and always will out of force of habit and a natural liking for the bean.

Second, that vast multitude that al- ways tastes forbidden fruits. The horrors of the coffee habit as depicted by the cereal manufacturers make coffee drinking so alluring and reck- less to those in this category.

Third, those who miss their morning nip which the eighteenth amendment took away from them. The beer be- ing flat they take a cup of "black" with their morning sinker.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Jones spent the holidays in Roysse City, returning Wednesday night.

Mrs. W. L. Lawler of Wichita Falls is here visiting her brothers, J. M. and Geo. M. Tidwell.

Henry Boswell of Corsicana was in the city Tuesday.

### BATTING IN NATIONAL LEAGUE

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—For the fourth successive season, Rogers Hornsby, the star second baseman of the St. Louis Cardinals, led the National League in batting, according to the 1923 averages which were released today from the league office here.

Hornsby tied the record established by Hans Wagner, the former Pitts- burgh Pirate star, who led the league in batting in 1906, 1907, 1908 and 1909.

With an average of .384 this year, Hornsby established a four year mark of .389, while Wagner's average the same period was .346.

It was rather unusual that Hornsby did not lead in the number of hits, the total bases, number of runs scored or any side-line of batting, but it was due largely to the fact that he played in only 107 games.

Jim Bottomley, the good first base- man of the St. Louis Cards, was sec- ond behind Hornsby with an average of .371; Eddie Roush, the Cincinnati outfielder, was third with .351, and Jacques Fournier, the Brooklyn vet- eran first baseman, was fourth by only a trifle with .351; Frank Frisch, the flashy Giant second baseman, was fifth with .348.

Some of the features of the batting season showed that:

Forty-seven batters hit .300 or more.

Ross Young, Giant, led in run scor- ing with 121;

Frank Frisch, Giants, led in number of hits with 223;

Tierney, Phils, led in hitting doubles with 26;

Traynor, Pirates, led in hitting triples with 19;

Cy Williams, Phils, led in home- runs with 41;

McInnis, Boston, led in sacrifice hits with 37;

Max Carey, Pirates, led in stolen bases with 51;

The Giants led the league in team batting with an average of .2953; the Pirates were second with .2945; the Cubs third with .288 and the Cards fourth with .286;

The Giants led in run scoring with 854, and in number of hits with 1,610.

The Cards led in doubles with 274; the Pirates in triples with 111; the Phils in homers with 112; the Reds in

sacrifices with 186, and the Cubs in base-stealing with 181.

### REVERSE SAFETY RULES

An exchange gives the following ex- cellent suggestions for getting into trouble:

1. Don't be afraid to take a chance. Try anything once. If you get killed, the wife can wash for a living. Be- sides, she can say that you were a brave man.
2. Don't waste any time with a safety man or his warnings. He's crazy.
3. When you get something in your eye, don't go to a doctor. Get your buddy to use his dirty handker- chief. Don't let him wash his hands—the more dirt the better.
4. Be as careless as you can. That's your business. Don't worry about get- ting killed, for you have to die once anyway.

Engineers estimate that the com- plete electrification of the railroads of the United States would save more than 100,000,000 tons of coal a year. This is an example of how the use of electrical energy could conserve the nation's natural resources.

HOUSTON.—\$750,000 bond elec- tion to be held for construction of roads, highway bridges and culverts.

Harlee Morrison of Terrell was in the city Wednesday.

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HAMILTON  
Mrs. J. B. Hamilton, the mother of Mrs. W. H. Hart of this city, died of heart trouble at her home in Kemp, Texas, Thursday, December 20th. She was buried the following Sunday at Lone Oak, Texas.

The News joins the many friends of the bereaved in expressing sympathy.

Miss Almada King of Waxahachie was a visitor to the city Wednesday.

W. E. Treard of Tyler was in Mexia Wednesday.

E. H. Bobo of Ranger was a visitor to the city Wednesday.

G. A. Grams of Marlin was a visitor to the city Wednesday.

John R. Hughes of Hillsboro was a Wednesday visitor to the city.

Fred Garder of Marlin was in Mexia Wednesday.

Loyle Daniels of Coolidge was in the city Wednesday.

## PURINA

### Announcement

#### Pay Cash and Pay Less

Yes, that is what we mean. We are on the job now better to help you make more profit from your cat- tie, horses, hogs and poultry.

We pay cash for all our merchandise and we sell for cash. We can give our patrons better service and prices by eliminating losses from bad debts.

#### So Come on Folks—Let Us Do Busi- ness the Satisfactory Way

This policy is in effect on and after Jan. 1, 1924.

Purina Chows are on the job to lower your cost of producing, gallon milk, dozen eggs, and feeding your horses and mules.

All we ask is a chance to figure with you—not just on the cost of feed but on cost of RESULTS. We will put the proof right in your milk pail, your egg basket or on your weight ticket. Purina Chows are de- livering the proof day in and day out all over the coun- try. They will do it for you. The Purina system of feeding challenges every feed system of whatever na- ture, home grown or commercial. The decision is to be based on your net profits. We are interested in nothing else. Our future business depends upon making good on that basis. Your profit comes first, then ours comes as a matter of course.

### Mexia Feed & Fuel Company

"PAY CASH AND PAY LESS"

### Notice of Dividend Payment

On January 1, 1924, the fourteenth regular quarterly di- vidend of \$1.75 a share on the 7% Cumulative Preferred Stock of this Company will be paid to stockholders of record at the close of business on December 20, 1923.

This dividend will be paid to more than 13,000 stockholders, of whom 12,000 are residents of the territory served by this Company

**SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY.**

AMERICAN TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY  
17th Dividend

The regular quarterly dividend of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company will be paid on January 1, 1924, to stock- holders of record at the close of business on December 20, 1923.

### A REAL FARM HARNESS AUCTION SALE

Will Sell at Public Auction at 1:30 at  
MEXIA — FRIDAY — JAN. 4th

The following goods, consisting of Harness, Saddles, Bridles, Riding Bridles, Whips, Collars, Halters, Hal- leads, Halter Chains and all parts of harness, Army Kees, Rain Coats, Slickers, Horse Covers, Horse Blan- and all horse equipment used by the War Depart-

The material is government material which assures it is of the best grade. Here is a chance to buy what want at your own price. We have the goods and will them to the highest bidder. Be at the sale on time name your price. The goods are of the best and the ment is large.

Largest sale of its kind and probably the last chance you will ever have to buy army goods at auction.

**COL. CLAUDE ERVIN**

### NEW YEAR MASQUERADE BALL

MONDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 31  
at BELKNAP DANCE HALL

Music by  
4 PIECE ORCHESTRA

Admission: Gentlemen, \$1.00;  
Ladies Free  
Music Starts at 8:15

### NOTICE

Payment Due—January 1st, 1924

If all persons holding Cer- tificates of Deposit covering Humphreys Oil Company stock will bring the certifi- cates to the bank, we will be glad to forward to the Chase National Bank, New York City, for payment.

**FARMERS STATE BANK**

### We Will Give You 2 lbs. Sugar Free Saturday December 29th.

With each purchase of one dollar or more made with this store on Saturday, Dec. 29th, you will receive 2 lbs. of standard granulated sugar, without cost to you. Come early and get yours.

### CITY DRUG STORE

207 S. Sherman St.

### Reduced Prices On Studebaker Closed Cars

|                              | Old       | New       |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Light-Six two pass. Coupe    | \$2225.00 | \$1495.00 |
| Light-Six five-pass Coupe    | 1475.00   | 1385.00   |
| Light-Six five-pass Sedan    | 1550.00   | 1485.00   |
| Special-Six five-pass. Coupe | 1975.00   | 1895.00   |
| Special-Six five-pass Sedan  | 2050.00   | 1985.00   |
| Big-Six five-pass Coupe      | 2550.00   | 2495.00   |
| Big-Six seven-pass. Sedan    | 2750.00   | 2685.00   |

All Prices f. o. b. factory.

Only the prices have been reduced. The quality remains the same. It is a Studebak- er policy to share manufacturing savings with its customers. With the addition of an- other enormous unit to its \$8,000,000 Closed Car plants at South Bend, Studebaker costs are reduced and the purchaser benefits accordingly.

In justice to yourself, you should come in and see what Studebaker has to offer before you decide on any car.

### MEXIA MOTOR CAR CO., Inc.

500 East Commerce St. Phone 213

THIS IS A STUDEBAKER YEAR.

# SALESMANSHIP CLUB HAS LONG LIST OF MEMBERS IN MEXIA

The Salesmanship club is an organization among the business men of this city to promote a spirit of congeniality among the citizens; to keep the standards in the Industrial and Commercial world on a high plain; and to aid other organizations in the development and beautification of the city. Its main purpose is the bring-

Jesse McLendon  
T. F. Morrow  
W. W. Mason  
O. Y. Manning  
Tom F. Nolan  
Jerry J. Naylor  
E. J. Ormsby  
L. S. Patterson  
Perry Potts

## Want Baptist Church 'Snow Birds' Dream For A&M Students Shipped to Capital

COLLEGE STATION, Texas, Dec. 27.—A Baptist Church at A. & M. College here large enough to provide for the religious activities of 450 students who are affiliated with the church, is advocated by Dr. W. B. Bizzell, president of the Institution. The Methodist Church already has provided for its student mem-

EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 27.—A wholesale shipment of rose tinted dreams recently moved out of El Paso on the way to Washington. Federal narcotic officers recently forwarded to Washington all the narcotics seized in this district in which the cases had been disposed in court.

### CORSICANA BOY DIES WHEN HIT BY TRAIN

CORSICANA, Texas, Dec. 26.—Gillette, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Roe, was killed here Monday when struck by a passenger train while walking, with four companions, across a trestle at the northern limits of Corsicana. The other four boys jumped to safety. The engineer said he did not see the lads in time to stop the train. The surviving boys declared the train was almost upon them before they noticed its approach.

C. M. Church spent Christmas with

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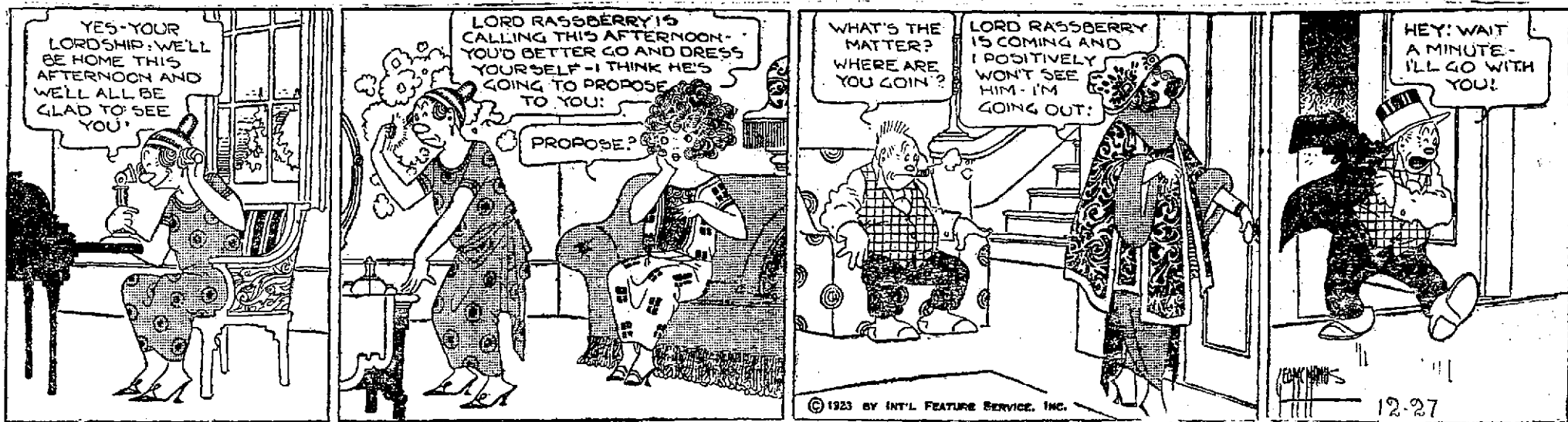


# The Day's Opportunities As Told In The Classified Ads

## BRINGING UP FATHER

Bringing Up Father Appears Daily in The Mexia Daily News  
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By George McManus



H. & T. C.  
EFFECTIVE 12:01 A. M. JUNE 17th.

North bound—

|                     |             |
|---------------------|-------------|
| 345 From cut-off    | 1:47 p. m.  |
| 15 Dallas Ft. Worth | 3:44 p. m.  |
| 31 Dallas Ft. Worth | 12:50 p. m. |
| 37 Dallas Ft. Worth | 5:14 a. m.  |
| 17 Dallas Ft. Worth | 4:35 a. m.  |
| 19 Dallas Ft. Worth | 3:55 a. m.  |

South bound—

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|------------------------|-------------|
| 346 To cut-off         | 7:00 a. m.  |
| 16 Houston San Antonio | 11:45 a. m. |
| 32 From Dallas         | 10:08 a. m. |
| 38 Austin San Antonio  | 12:21 a. m. |
| 18 Houston San Antonio | 1:37 a. m.  |
| 20 Houston San Antonio | 12:15 a. m. |

T. & B. V.  
North.  
No. 8—3:25 p. m.

South.  
No. 7—12:55 p. m.

## CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

CLASSIFIED RATES—One cent a word for each insertion. No single ad taken for less than 25 cents. Everybody reads these little ads. If you want to buy or sell, or have lost or found any article, here is where you can get good results. No advertisement accepted over the telephone except from those who have a Regular Charge Account.

**DID YOU KNOW** that there are many changes daily in Mexia's rooming houses. These individuals watch this column constantly for available rooms. The column offers its service in helping rent your rooms. Give particulars in your ad. That's what the reader wants.

**HELP WANTED—A**  
WANTED—Colored cook for small family. Must be good cook and capable housekeeper. Don't apply unless you have these qualifications. Don't object to woman from country. Write Box A, 1000, Mexia Daily News, Mexia, Texas. 27A5

**AN INTELLIGENT PERSON**, either sex, may earn \$100 to \$200 monthly corresponding for newspapers; \$15 to \$25 weekly in spare time; experience unnecessary; no canvassing; subjects suggested. Send for particulars. National Press Bureau, Buffalo, N. Y. 27A3

**FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—F**  
WE SELL and exchange all kinds of furniture, floor covering, stoves, and kitchen hardware. M. Langston, new and second hand furniture, Phone 56. May 10th.

**REAL ESTATE—1**  
FOR SALE—100 acres of land located in Leon County about four miles south of Marquez on highway and International and Great Northern railroad. All fenced, most hog proof. About 600 acres in cultivation. Remainder mostly timbered. Six or seven tenant houses. Plenty water. Convenient to schools. Most of land very fine. There is long time loan at low rate interest. If interested write or phone. A. F. Sledge, Tyler, Texas. 14114

**FOR SALE—1**  
FOR SALE—Residence lots between Sumpter Street School and High School. W. D. Pittman Room 205 Pittman Building. 16113

**FOR SALE—Small building** suitable for garage or servant house. O. E. Winslow, 408 East Sumpter. 2712

**FOR SALE—Residence lots** on West Hopkins Street. Small payment, easy terms. W. D. Pittman room 205 Pittman Building. 16112

**COATS, DRESSES, suits** and hats cheap at Wardrobe Exchange. Everything worn by the human race. Dry cleaning and pressing and fur made over; alterations a specialty. Wardrobe Exchange. Phone 537-J. 213 N. McKinney. 15114

**FOR SALE—Seven room residence**, garage, servant house, barn, also sixteen room apartment house on 125 feet facing East Palestine St. 50 feet from pavement. Priced to sell. Geo. Tidwell at Tidwell's Grocery and Market. 2017

**FOR SALE CHEAP—New Chevrolet sedan**. See Cox Brothers at Farmer Lumber Company. 2714

**ROOMS FURNISHED—1**  
FOR RENT—Desirable two and three room apartments, conveniently located, all modern conveniences, lights, gas and water, furnished. Reasonable rates. Gates Apartments, 821 East Commerce St. Telephone 633. SL26

**CITY HOTEL—All outside rooms**, \$1 per day. Special rates by week. Corner McKinney and Palestine. 20-26

**FOR RENT—Store building**, good location, reasonable rent. For further information see W. D. Pittman, room 205 Pittman building. 16114

**FOR RENT—Five room house** with 10 acres of land, well, good barn, young orchard, ideal location for chicken farm or small dairy. Located on western edge of Mexia. G. H. Boone, Phone 2015-P2, Mexia, Route 2. 2117

**FOR RENT—One light housekeeping room**, lights, water and gas furnished, \$10.00 per month. Second house off South McKinney. East, 206 Houston St. 2712

**FOR RENT—On December 24th**, one room of duplex apartment, furnished. Call at 723 East Commerce street or phone 228. W. D. High. 27L4

**OFFICES FOR RENT—Q**  
FOR RENT—Nice large office rooms, modern conveniences. W. D. Pittman, room 205 Pittman building. 14114

We charge 25c for all gasoline and tire service calls inside of the city limits; 50c per mile thereafter. A charge of 25c to everyone for taking off and putting on chains. Mexia Battery & Tire Co., Inc., Nos. One and Three Stations. 18-10

## Ouch! Backache! Rub Lumbago Stiffness Away

St. Jacob's Oil stops any pain, so when your back is sore and lame, or lumbago, sciatica or rheumatism has you stiffened up, don't suffer! Get a small trial bottle of old, honest St. Jacob's Oil at any drug store, pour a little in your hand, and rub it right on your aching back; and by the time you count fifty the soreness and lameness is gone.

Don't stay crippled! This soothing, penetrating oil needs to be used only once. It takes the pain right out and ends the misery. It is magical, yet absolutely harmless, and doesn't burn the skin.

Nothing else stops lumbago, sciatica, backache or rheumatism so promptly. It never disappoints.—Adv.

**SMILE**  
Virginia Rollins.

There are times when it's awfully hard to smile.

There are times when you feel blue. But just think of flowers and birds—the white

And everything takes on a golden hue. And you smile!

When you hear someone singing a song.

And you feel like you haven't a friend. Just put on that smile and things that seem wrong

Will come out right in the end.

There are times when you think you can't smile.

When troubles seem thick and joys seem thin.

It may cost an effort but try it and smile.

And you'll find that you always will win.

It is said that the world loves a lover. And I suppose that adage is true.

But for me why I love the lover Who smiles when the whole world is blue.

**THE ROGUES' GALLERY**  
An elderly man of ultra-conventional habits, but withal learned and bookish, was halted before the bar of justice in a country town.

"Ye're charged with being drunk and disorderly," snapped the magistrate. "Have ye anything to say why sentence should not be pronounced?"

"Man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn," began the prisoner in a flight of oratory. "I am not so debased as Poe, so profitless as Byron, so ungrateful as Keats, so intemperate as Burns, so timid as Tennyson, so vulgar as Shakespeare, so—"

"That'll do, that'll do," interrupted the magistrate. "Ninety days. And officer, take down that list of names he mentioned and round 'em up. I think they're as bad as he is."

—American Legion Weekly.

**FROM THE PEOPLE**  
**COTTON REPORT**  
There were 48,919 bales of cotton ginned in Limestone County, from the crop of 1923 prior to December 13th, as compared with 41,350 bales to same date last year.

**TOM L. COX,**  
Special Agent.

Miss Elise Gibson went to Corsicana today to attend a dance given at the Country Club by Miss Lois Lovett.

J. C. Cobb spent Monday night in Corsicana.

## ON THE WAY DOWN TOWN

By SLYBOOTS

Got out rather late the morning following Christmas but just in time to get in on an awful argument or at least the tail end of it. Just as the dust was clearing away at the corner of McKinney and Commerce. I noticed a large white hat lying in the middle of the street and recognized it as belonging to Rain-check Tom Nolan—the man who owns the rain clouds. I felt that something awful was happening to my big friend and by the time I got into the middle of the fray I saw like keys—that jovial soul who thinks only of food and court dockets, holding on to Tom and in a final outburst saying, "Now do you believe it?" I at once felt interested in the matter and asked him what was the trouble and this was his reply, "that bird, Tom Nolan don't believe that there is a Santa Claus, and I have been proving it to him. A la Dempsey!" I hurried on for fear I would be called as a witness and as I have been in Federal Court with like and in a rain-storm with Tom I knew there was no chance for a lounge lizard against such odds.

So I saw Frazier Hendricks crossing the street with a package and run to join him. No it was not the regulation pack that you sometimes see about town, but a large ungainly outfit that looked like a lot of faded love letters. Frazier is at all times rather non-committal unless it is when he is pricing cheese cloth. So it was I had to hang on and he took me to a vacant room upstairs nearby and carefully unfolded the mystery. It happened to be two chirping canaries that he called "love birds." He would not tell me where they came from but stated they were trained and I asked, "trained in what?" It was then that Frazier opened his young heart and told me the story of his life with this conclusion that there was a past to his days on this earth and that a flapper that was girlish at the time Napoleon was a cadet had sent him these twittering song birds with a card attached.

"When all else fails you Frazier I will sing to you from the bottom of my cage." The card was post-marked Leavenworth, Kansas. Tears were in his eyes and I asked him into the nearest drug store.

**IT ALL DEPENDS**  
The teacher had been trying to inculcate the principles of the Golden Rule and turn-the-other-cheek.

"Now, Tommy," she asked, "what would you do supposing a boy struck you?"

"How big a boy are you supposing?" demanded Tommy.—American Legion Weekly.

Any one wishing a calendar that owns a car and has not received a card we will be glad to give you one if you will call at our No. 1 Station and fill out one of the cards. Mexia Battery and Tire Co., Inc. 18-10

**SHERIFF'S SALE**  
State of Texas, County of Limestone. Notice is hereby given that by virtue

of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Dallas County, of the 14th day of Dec. 1923, by The District Clerk of said Dallas County, for the sum of \$1800.00 Dollars and costs of suit, under a Foreclosure and Deed of Trust Lien, in favor of in a certain cause in said court, No. 49016-7 and styled Fidelity Savings Trust Company, versus Mrs. Della Box, the surviving wife of S. A. Box, deceased, Clarence Box, Alvie Box, Mable Box, Homer Box, Ruby Box, Herman Box, Branton Box, and Mrs. Della Box, Guardian of the Estates of Clarence, Alvie, Mable, Homer, Ruby, Herman, and Branton Box, Minors.

The Plaintiff, Fidelity Savings Trust Company, recovered, in the District Court of Dallas County, 68th Judicial District of Texas, a judgement against the said defendants, Della Box, for the sum of \$1800.00 principal, \$424.80 interest and \$222.48 attorney's fees, together with interest on \$222.48 principal and interest at the rate of 10% per annum and interest at the rate of 6% per annum on \$222.48 attorney's fees from said November 13th, 1923.

And placed in my hands for service, I Whit Popejoy, Sheriff of Limestone County, Texas, did, on the 17th day of December, A. D., 1923, Levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Limestone County, Texas, described as follows:

**FIRST TRACT:** 42 acres of land described as beginning at the Southeast corner of lot No. 1, in the Adams-O'Neal subdivision of said Chas. Roberts League, in the North line of 90 acre tract known as the Limestone County, Land; Thence North 30 West with the East line of said Lot No. 1, 120 varas to corner from which a post oak 12" in dia. brs. North 22 1/2 East; Box to Chas. L. Kribs, Trustee, record-10 varas; Thence North 60 East 338 varas to corner; Thence South 30 East 700 varas to the Northeast corner of said Limestone County 90 acre tract; Thence South 60 West along the North

line of said 90 acre tract 338 varas to the place of beginning.

**SECOND TRACT:** 30 acres of land described as beginning at the Northeast corner of the R. O'Neal 200 acre homestead tract; Thence North 30 West with said O'Neal line, 560 varas to corner; Thence North 60 East 127 varas to corner; Thence North 20 West with the O'Neal line to the Southwest corner of the M. R. Box 18 acre tract; Thence North 60 East to the Northwest corner of the 42 acre tract above described; Thence South 30 East 700 varas to the Southwest corner of the 42 acre tract above described; Thence South 60 West 294 varas to the place of beginning.

Said two tracts of land above described being the same land conveyed by Ella Box to S. A. Box on January 12, 1920, by Deed duly recorded in the deed records of Limestone County, Texas.

**THIRD TRACT:** 31 acres of land known as part of the R. O'Neal homestead, beginning at the most Southern Northwest corner of the 30 acre tract of land described as tract No. 2 above, Thence South 20 East 585 varas to corner on the North line of the tract of land conveyed by Mrs. Abia Box and others to Mrs. Alice Stem, a rock for corner; Thence South 60 West 298 varas to corner; same being the Southeast corner of a 21 acre tract designated by S. A. Box and wife as a part of their homestead; Thence North 31 west 585 varas to the Northeast corner of said 21 acre tract; Thence North 60 East 298 varas to the place of beginning, being part of the land conveyed by M. B. Box, and wife to S. A. Box by deed recorded in Vol. 76, page 178 of the deed records of Limestone County, Texas.

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Said two tracts of land above described being the same land conveyed by Ella Box to S. A. Box on January 12, 1920, by Deed duly recorded in the deed records of Limestone County, Texas.

**THIRD TRACT:** 31 acres of land known as part of the R. O'Neal homestead, beginning at the most Southern Northwest corner of the 30 acre tract of land described as tract No. 2 above, Thence South 20 East 585 varas to corner on the North line of the tract of land conveyed by Mrs. Abia Box and others to Mrs. Alice Stem, a rock for corner; Thence South 60 West 298 varas to corner; same being the Southeast corner of a 21 acre tract designated by S. A. Box and wife as a part of their homestead; Thence North 31 west 585 varas to the Northeast corner of said 21 acre tract; Thence North 60 East 298 varas to the place of beginning, being part of the land conveyed by M. B. Box, and wife to S. A. Box by deed recorded in Vol. 76, page 178 of the deed records of Limestone County, Texas.

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## Local News

G. A. Lee of Groesbeck was in Mexia Friday.

J. Hipotate, of Tyler was in Mexia Wednesday.

J. A. Roe of Corsicana was in the city Friday.

John Mixon of Crandall was in the city Tuesday.

H. N. McCutcher of Waco was in the city Friday.

G. A. McGee of Corsicana was in Mexia Monday.

H. N. McCutchen of Waco was in Mexia Tuesday.

B. N. Bradley of Corsicana was in Mexia Tuesday.

C. E. Mann of Beaumont was in Mexia Saturday.

Hy Martin of Waxahachie was in the city Friday.

S. J. Jackson of Corsicana was in the city Monday.

A. R. Harvey of Lampasas was in the city Monday.

Jack Gauthier of Corsicana was in the city Tuesday.

A. Ratblatt of Cisco was a visitor to Mexia Sunday.

J. E. Henderson of Ennis was in Mexia Wednesday.

A. Hanson of Waco was a visitor to Mexia Saturday.

Edwin Falvey of Waco was a Christmas visitor in Mexia.

Cecil McReynolds of Corsicana was in Mexia Wednesday.

M. G. English of Corsicana was in Mexia Christmas day.

Pete Cullum of Ennis was in the city Sunday and Monday.

W. R. Pearson of Temple was in the city Sunday and Monday.

R. L. Dillard of Corsicana was a visitor to the city Monday.

A. L. Norris of Amarillo was in the city Sunday and Monday.

J. A. McNeely of Corsicana was a visitor to the city Sunday.

W. E. Singleton of Waco was a visitor to the city Monday.

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Robert B. Jackson of Corsicana was a visitor to Mexia Monday.

Miss Jewel Miller of Navarro was a visitor to the city Friday.

Miss N. A. Chilsot of Dallas was a visitor to the city Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Shipper of Salmon was in the city Monday.

J. M. Beth of Waxahachie was a visitor to Mexia Wednesday.

Benett Reynolds of Tehuacana, was a visitor to Mexia Saturday.

Hubert Hollowell of Waco was a visitor in Mexia last Tuesday.

J. S. Nethern of Waco was a business visitor to Mexia Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Boyland, of Powell were in Mexia Saturday.

Mr. O. Thompson spent Christmas day in Dallas with his family.

Mike Keys left Saturday for Dallas where he will spend Christmas.

Miss Loudale Simmons of Coolidge was visiting in the city Thursday.

G. W. Hogg and J. R. Stratson of Cleburne were in Mexia Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Shepperd of Dallas were visitors to Mexia Monday.

Mrs. Travis of Terrell is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Sophie Travis of this city.

Sam Gibbs of Chillicothe, Texas, spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. S. J. Gibbs.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Riddle of Dallas are visiting J. I. Riddle and family during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Felix Jackson of Dallas are to spend the holidays with the home folks.

Mr. Francis O'Reilly returned from Waxahachie where he has been spending Christmas, Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Pittman of Lake Charles, La., are in the city visiting his father, W. D. Pittman.

Peyton Still of the Peyton Still Grocery company of Coolidge was a business visitor to the city Wednesday.

Prof. and Mrs. Herbert Tidwell of Fort Worth spent the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Tidwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Jere Cason have gone to spend the remainder of the Christmas holidays with relatives in San Antonio.

W. K. Boyd returned Thursday morning from Terrell where he spent Christmas, Mrs. Boyd and baby, Walter, Jr., remaining over for a few days longer.

T. Frank Smith, wife and two children, Miss Mary Ann and Maxwell of Dallas spent Christmas day in Mexia with Mrs. Smith's mother, Mrs. S. J. Gibbs.

Blake Smith received a telephone call from E. L. Smith at Dallas this morning stating that two companies had announced an increase of 25 cents in Mexia, Currie and Powell crude.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Dominy have returned to Tehuacana after spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. Dominy's parents live at Fort Worth and Mrs. Dominy's at Crockett, Texas.

Among Christmas visitors in the home of Mrs. Roscoe Cook were the following from Corsicana: Mr. and Mrs. Lowry Martin; Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Mtram and baby; Mr. and Mrs. Voyte Caldwell; and son and Mrs. J. F. Lumsden.

Jess Jones and wife, nee Miss Mary Gibbs of Mexia, arrived on their special car Christmas morning to visit till the noon train with Mrs. S. J. Gibbs, mother of Mrs. Jones. They returned to their home in Houston Christmas night.

**WOMAN GETS JAIL TERM FOR SPEEDING**

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 26.—Charged with speeding 35 miles to keep an appointment with her hairdresser, Mrs. Louis Sullivan was today sentenced to spend Christmas and four other days in the Warrenville workhouse.

Mrs. Sullivan asked to have sentence start after Christmas, but Judge Carlett declined.

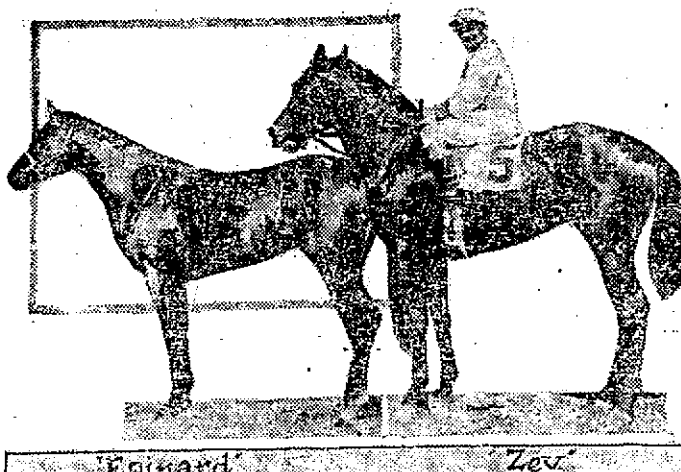
**TURKEYS**

During the holidays 20c pound dressed, Pecans 5 pounds and over 15c. Just unloaded car best West Texas eggs. Sawyer Produce Co. Phone 359. 113 N. McKinney. 21-7

We charge 25c for all gasoline and tire service calls inside of the city limits; 50c per mile thereafter. A charge of 25c to everyone for taking off and putting on chains. Mexia Battery & Tire Co., Inc., Nos. One and Three Stations. 18-10

HOBBOVILLE.—Considerable oil development going on throughout country.

## ZEV AND EPINARD TO RACE.



A series of match races, to be run on an American track next year, is assured between Zev, Harry F. Sinclair's American champion three-year-old, and Epinard, Pierre Wertheimer's French champion three-year-old. A conference in New York between Mr. Wertheimer, a French perfume manufacturer, Mr. Sinclair and Major August Belmont, of the Jockey Club, will perfect arrangements for the races.

## FORMER CABINET MEMBER SAYS HE RECEIVED NO TEA POT MONEY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Former Secretary of the Interior Fall denied that he ever received money or ad-

vances of money from oil interests leasing the naval reserve oil lands. In an affidavit read before the Senate Public Lands Committee investigating the Teapot Dome lease, Fall made a general denial of the insinuations made by previous witnesses. Fall, who had been ill, did not appear. Fall said he received \$100,000 from E. B. McLean, Washington publisher, for the purchase of the big Harris ranch in New Mexico, shortly after the leasing of the Teapot Dome. Extensive improvements were made simultaneously on Fall's ranch, provided by a loan of another large sum from N. V. Thatcher estate in Colorado.

## WHY BANKS?

### LESSON II

By J. H. PUELICHER, Chairman, Committee on Public Education, American Bankers Association.



J. H. Puelicher

Why does Government charter banks,—simply to make money for stockholders, or because banks are needed by the public? What is a bank? Text books say, "A bank is a quasi-public corporation, chartered by State or Nation, to receive deposits and make loans." STOCKHOLDERS = owners. QUALIFIED = semi-public,—that is, owned by private stockholders, but regulated by government to see that the depositors' money is safely loaned.

STATE BANK CHARTER = privilege, grant or right to do a banking business under supervision of the State Banking Commissioner.

NATIONAL BANK CHARTER = grant to do business under supervision of the Federal Comptroller of the Currency.

SUPERVISION = the sending by government of examiners, at least once a year, into a bank without notice, to count its cash, examine its loans, bonds and mortgages, and see if its books are correct.

Banks can do only those things permitted in their charters. No business is more closely watched and regulated by State or Nation. Banks cannot, therefore, be run simply to make money for stockholders, but are chartered to meet the needs of the people and are held to that purpose by government supervision.

### NEGRESS ARRESTED

Quite a number of dance lovers engaged in their favorite pastime during the Christmas season. The dance parties were not limited to Caucasian race, either for a number of the brunette citizens repaired to suitable places to trip the light fantastic on Christmas evening.

As a result of the festivities one

dark skinned woman found herself in the grip of the city laws. The officers stated that she became a little too boisterous and failed to limit her speech to the conventional quality. In short, she cussed.

Texas will produce 42% of the entire cotton crop of the South with an estimated value of \$900,000,000.

# Pre-Inventory Clearance Of Dresses, Coats, Suits And Hats

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### COATS

|  |         |
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| \$87.50 Brown Silk Bolivia, now                | \$58.75 |
| \$72.50 Brown Wool Fur collar, now             | \$47.50 |
| \$85.00 Bolivia with Brown Squirrel Collar now | \$59.50 |
| \$65.00 Kit Fox with fur collar                | \$39.50 |
| \$82.50 Brown Bolivia, fur collar              | \$47.50 |
| \$29.50 to \$34.50 coats at                    | \$16.95 |

### DRESSES

|                                    |         |
|------------------------------------|---------|
| \$49.50 Velvet Dresses now         | \$24.75 |
| \$45.00 Poiret Twill Dresses now   | \$27.50 |
| \$35.00 Poiret Twill Dresses now   | \$19.95 |
| \$27.50 Brown Poiret Twill Dresses | \$18.75 |
| \$32.50 Poiret Twill Dresses now   | \$16.25 |
| \$29.50 Poiret Twill Dresses now   | \$14.75 |
| \$22.50 Poiret Twill Dresses now   | \$9.85  |

### SUITS

|                                     |         |
|-------------------------------------|---------|
| \$65.00 Navy Blue Poiret Twill      | \$32.50 |
| \$42.50 Brown Broad Cloth now       | \$21.25 |
| \$32.50 Brown Poiret Twill, now     | \$16.25 |
| \$32.50 Navy Blue Poiret Twill, now | \$16.25 |
| \$47.50 Poiret Twill now            | \$23.75 |

### HATS

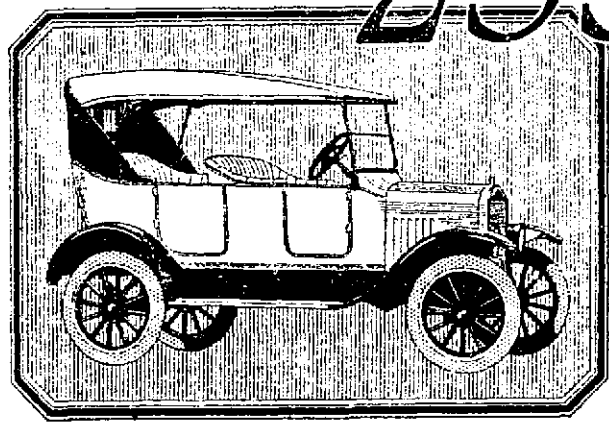
- Faile Silk Hats, flower trimmings from **-\$10.85 to \$14.50**
- Black Satin Hats for early spring from **-\$4.95 to \$12.50**
- One lot, our remaining Fall Hats, \$6.50 to \$7.50 values at **-\$1.95**

—This clearance will be in effect Friday morning. Come and make your purchases early.

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Considering the improved appearance of the new Ford Touring Car, one would naturally expect a proportionate advance in price.

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